

# Greenbelt News Review

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## Cat Control Ordinance Postponed After Comments by Humane Society

by Isadore Parker

The pet control ordinance, like the cats it will attempt to control, seems to have nine lives, it was indicated last Monday night when the city council placed its proposed ordinance aside for revision and reconsideration at a future meeting. The decision to review the controversial legislation followed an informative talk by Fred Myers, executive director of the Humane Society of the United States. Myers became interested in the Greenbelt decision to control pets after reading about the situation in the metropolitan press. His invitation to speak before the council followed.

A general satisfaction with the proposed ordinance was expressed by Myers, but he offered other suggestions which would enhance the humane aspects of the ordinance and make enforcement easier. He proposed a permit system, rather than licenses, which would allow the city managers more flexible control. Other items included: ban sale of baby chicks in quantities less than 25, forbid surgery on animals, limit the amount of animals in one household, graduate the permit fee with an advantage to those with spayed or altered animals, and declared the insistence on yearly rabies inoculations unnecessary.

Myers agreed that cats can be trained to a leash, just like dogs. They can also be trained to follow the owner closely, and he asserted that they are happier and healthier when kept confined. "Owning an animal is a privilege rather than a right," Myers emphasized. He called the council's attention to the great surfeit of cats and dogs in urban and suburban areas. Ten thousand cats and dogs are born each hour in this country, he said, and the humane society puts to death 11 million of them each year.

### Licenses Out Model

Myers called the licensing of dogs an outmoded device to control pets. Historically, the revenue from dog licenses pays farmers for claims to their county government regarding livestock destroyed by wild dogs. (The minutes of county commissioners' meetings invariably have such payments disclosed, ed. note). Giving the owner a summons, instead of taking the pet into custody, is more effective, Myers said. Cats are so easily available, the owner would rather get a new one than go to the expense of recovering an apprehended pet. "You don't find \$50 Persian cats running loose," he said. Housing the captured pets is expensive to the community and exposes the animal to disease and the vagaries of confinement facilities, he added.

The breeding of animals is the heart of the problem declared Myers. A program for sound control of pets takes this into consideration; it is a matter of enforcement and humane practice. He called the rabies menace misunderstood. All wild animals get rabies and are vectors of rabies; controlling stray animals is the best rabies control, he asserted. Cats get rabies as much as dogs, and both are subject to allergic reactions to rabies inoculation which cause paralysis and death, Myers told the council.

Myers' chief criticism of the ordinance centered on enforcement. He said the principal intention in the ordinance is to catch and impound the animal. How about the owners? Myers asked. Impoundment is uneconomical; it is more humane to catch the owner or violator. Myers favored the "summons" principle. He ended his talk by stating that no community in the U.S. has an ordinance that was proposed by the Humane Society. The city council will revise the ordinance and present it for a first reading in the near future.

## Nixon-Lodge Group Formed by Greenbelters

Announcement was made Tuesday of the formation of the Greenbelt Volunteers for Nixon-Lodge, a non-partisan organization dedicated to the election of Richard M. Nixon as President and Henry Cabot Lodge as Vice-President of the U.S.

Robert W. Hurst, Greenbelt Advertising executive and former City Councilman is chairman and Miss Patty Moore, past Greenbelt Festival Queen and student at the University of Maryland will be secretary. Councilman David Champion will act as Treasurer of the group. Hurst pointed out that the Greenbelt Volunteers is one of many such organizations in the nation working for Mr. Nixon's and Mr. Lodge's election.

Miss Moore will organize a group consisting of teen-agers who are willing to contribute their time and energies in support of the Nixon-Lodge ticket. Hurst said that the new organization will announce an advisory board next week and invited all interested persons to contact Miss Moore. Mr. Champion or himself.

Hugh W. Ernisse, 9-J Ridge, has been named chairman for the formation of Volunteers for Nixon-Lodge groups in Prince Georges County. He will be assisted in his work on a county level by David Champion, City Councilman and treasurer of the local Volunteer for Nixon-Lodge.

## Lions, Jaycees Join To Get Out the Vote

A "Register to Vote" campaign, which should reach every eligible voter in Greenbelt, has been planned jointly by the Lions and the Jaycees.

Sound trucks will canvass Greenbelt during the hours of 10 a.m. and noon, and 4 p.m. and 8:30, on the two remaining registration days, Sept. 20 and 26.

Members of the two clubs will be knocking on the doors of Greenbelt householders on Saturday, Sept. 24, starting at 10 a.m. Any non-political organizations in town are invited to join at that time in getting out the vote. The constitutions of both clubs prohibit including any partisan groups, although there are members of both local political parties who are also members of the clubs. However, they are participating in the name of their respective non-partisan, non-political club. For information, call Dave Champion, Coordinating Chairman, at GR. 4-6395.

## Color Films of Jamaica

Paul Campbell, General Manager of Greenbelt Homes, will show color movies he took in Jamaica at the Twin Pines Open House, Friday, Sept. 16 at 8 p.m.

Campbell, while working under the United Nations in Jamaica, made the three films, one on the flowers of the island, one on *Everyday Life in Jamaica*, and the third on *Stabilized Earth Blocks for Low-Cost Homes*. The last-mentioned demonstrates ideas that might be practical for self-help improvements here in Greenbelt.

## REGISTRATION REMINDER

The last two days to register locally for the national election are Tuesday, Sept. 20 and Monday, Sept. 26 in the Center School (use library entrance from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

## Foreign Educators Visit Center School

On Thursday, Sept. 8, the second day after classes started this fall, Center School was visited by a group of educators from 22 foreign countries. These people, sponsored jointly by the U.S. Office of Education and the State Department, are superintendents, supervisors, principals, college professors, teachers, curriculum advisors and special service specialists in their own countries. They will remain in the U.S. for 6 months, seeing American schools in action. Four members of the U.S. Office of Education, Miss Allen, Assistant Supervisor of our Prince Georges Board of Education, and 7 other members of the Board accompanied the foreign visitors.

Welcoming speeches were made by City Manager Charles McDonald and Miss Hannah Long, principal of Center School. Miss Long made school material available for perusal and Miss Burdette, Supervisor of Schools in Prince Georges County, gave each visitor a County Folder, containing information on the county school system.

Following the introductory remarks, the visitors went on a pupil conducted tour of the school.

A social hour and discussion period followed the tour. Refreshments were planned and served by a committee of PTA mothers, with Mrs. D. Sinkov, chairman.

## League to Discuss Schools

Exploding enrollment, rising costs, and demand for an even better school program led the Maryland Board of Education to make a far-reaching evaluation of the state's school system. The resulting proposal, the "Mort Plan," will be the discussion topic at September meetings of the League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County. What is the "Balanced Partnership" plan? Is it a solution to Maryland school problems? How would it work and how much would it cost. These are some of the questions which will be studied at the meetings.

The topic is under the direction of Mrs. Gordon Hull of Takoma Park (HE. 4-5598), chairman of the County League's committee on State Revenue and Spending. Anyone interested in the problems of adequate education may contact Mrs. Hull for further information.

## University Women

Dr. Pauline Tompkins, general director of the American Association of University Women, will speak on the program theme of the association for this year, "In Keeping with Our Purpose," at the September 19 meeting of the College Park, Md., Branch. The meeting will be in the Maryland Room, Home Economics Building, University of Maryland, Monday night at 7:30 p.m.

## KINDERGARTEN VACANCY

For the first time in many years, the Greenbelt Cooperative Kindergarten is running three sessions. In addition to the usual morning sessions at Center and North End Schools, classes started on Tuesday, Sept. 13 for an afternoon group at the North End School. There are still a few vacancies in this group. Applications will be accepted by Mrs. Kastner, GR. 4-7129, vice president of the group.

## Manager Says City Taxes Not Cause Of Increase In Lakewood Payments

by Isadore Parker

City taxes are not involved in the Lakewood home-owners monthly charge increase, city manager Charles McDonald declared at a city council meeting last Monday night. He stated that the "front foot benefit charge" and an increase in the county tax rate accounted for the increase, and placed the blame for the unexpected development on the loaning agencies. McDonald asserted that the

builder, Evans Buchanan, and representatives of Federal Housing Administration had visited the city prior to the sale of the houses and verified the city tax rate.

McDonald's disclosure followed an emotional exchange between Mayor Alan Kistler and Mrs. George Gregg of Lakewood. Mrs. Gregg expressed her bewilderment at the increase and her surprise after learning of the high Greenbelt tax rate, as compared to neighboring communities.

Kistler declared, "I am just as outraged as you are!" If the homes were sold without informing the buyers of all the monthly charges, Kistler added, the homes were sold through deception and duplicity. He urged the residents of Lakewood to organize themselves and take collective action to seek redress.

(Last week the *News Review* reported that the increase in charges were a result of the lack of recognition of city taxes when the monthly charges were tabulated. This was the reason given by representatives of Interstate Building Association and Weaver Brothers, holders of the Lakewood mortgages. Back taxes were to be paid off for a year on monthly payment, a concession by the mortgage. Also, next year's taxes were added to be placed in escrow.

This week, an FHA official, absolved his agency of any blame, and informed the *News Review* that the front foot benefit charges were overlooked due to a peculiar situation in Greenbelt involving the transfer of ownership of the water and sewer system from city ownership to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. An increase in taxes by the county was not taken into account since this is usual practice — to up the charges as taxes increase).

When asked whether the council had promised Buchanan any "concession" to the new homes in regard to the tax rate, the council members denied any knowledge of this. They did admit, however, that the Lakewood development was entered on the tax rolls six months later than possible. The tax "concession" was referred to by officials of Interstate and Weaver brothers when interviewed by the *News Review*.

This week a group of Lakewood homeowners announced the tentative formation of a civic association. They intend to organize formally, if enough interest is shown. Spokesmen for the group declared, "It is felt that perhaps such an association would offer the residents of Lakewood the means by which they could collectively participate more actively in community affairs and an opportunity to make a greater contribution to the social and civic activities of the community." Acting chairman is R. Pilsky, 6 Orange court; acting secretary, W. Grenier, 108 Greenhill; acting treasurer, D. Siehl, 124 Greenhill; and other members are W. Brady, 13 Greenhill; J. W. Chiville, 1 Empire; C. Cantwell, 1 Greentree; J. Murray, 109 Greenhill; J. Snoddy, 110 Greenhill; and D. Young, 9 Greenknoll.

## FREE FOOD BONANZA

The Greenbelt Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a one-night food Bonanza. The winning ticket for this affair will be drawn on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. at the Co-op store. The winner will have 10 minutes in the store on Friday, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. to put as much food as he can into a shopping basket. The rules will be as follows: three minutes at the meat counter, three minutes at the produce department, and three minutes in the groceries section. Cigarettes are excluded. Members of the local Jaycees will be selling tickets door to door and also in the Center.

## Police News Review

A Carrollton man reported the theft of a wallet containing \$63 while participating in a ball game at Braden Field. The man, who was waiting his turn at bat, had put his wallet inside his shoe.

Unable to secure an ambulance crew, the police acted as the transporters of an eleven month old child to Prince Georges Hospital. The child drank furniture polish. Realizing that obtaining transportation from a Rescue Squad out of Greenbelt would mean a delay, the boy was taken to the hospital in the police car and there had his stomach pumped.

Parking complaints and stray and barking dogs made up the majority of complaints received by the police this past week. Twenty complaints were registered concerning dogs and cats in the past months. There were five reported dog bites. In the monthly police report, Chief Williams noted an increase in moving and parking violations. Increases were noted in speeding, stop sign violations, and parking on grass.

In a summary of juvenile complaints, it was noted that there were a few less calls concerning juveniles this month than last month. The calls were miscellaneous in nature for instance: drinking beer, destroying property, hunting with firearms, shoplifting, and being noisy.

## START UGF CAMPAIGN

The Annual United Givers Fund campaign is off to an early start this year. The goal for the Maryland Unit is \$184,500, of which the Greenbelt quota is \$684. The local Woman's Club conducted last year's campaign so successfully that they were awarded the plaque which is on display in the City Office.

The campaign is being conducted on a "pay where you work" basis. No door-to-door solicitations will be made. The campaign will begin on Sept. 17 and contact will be made with all local professional and business people.

Mrs. Cyril S. Turner, Jr., serving again this year as co-chairman with Mrs. C. S. McCarl, said: "If we can have the fine cooperation, we have had in the past our goal will be surpassed again this year."

## Recreation Review

**Creative Dance Class:** The Recreation Department is taking a preliminary registration for a creative dance class in Greenbelt. If you have interested children, please phone the Recreation Office GR. 4-5454, Monday through Friday between 1 and 4 p.m. before Oct. 1.

**Youth Center Dance:** The first teenage dance will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 8 p.m. at the North End School. All boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 19 are welcome.

**Touch Football:** All managers interested in entering a team in the men's unlimited touch football league please contact the Recreation Department by Sept. 26.

**Babe Ruth League Banquet:** The Babe Ruth League will hold its annual banquet on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Community Church. Tickets may be purchased by the players from their captains. Tickets for players are \$1.00; all others, \$1.75. Awards will be made to the winning team, most valuable player, rookie of the year, and members of the All-Star team. More announcements to be made later.

**Band:** All adults interested in playing a musical instrument in the newly formed community band please contact the Recreation Department. The band will practice on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Center School beginning Oct. 3.



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## Constitution Day Set

(Editor Note: The following article is presented by the American Legion as a public service).

By joint Resolution (Public Law 261) of the Eighty-second Congress of the United States of America (Second Session), approved Feb. 29, 1952, Sept. 17 of each year was designated as "Citizenship Day" in commemoration of the formation and signing on Sept. 17, 1787 of the Constitution of the United States of America and in recognition of all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have attained the full status of citizenship. By this Resolution, the Joint Resolution creating "I Am An American Citizen Day," approved May 3, 1940, was repealed and joined with "Constitution Day" to make for one observance on Sept. 17 of each year.

The major objectives of Citizenship and Constitution Day are: To prepare young people becoming of age and naturalized citizens to accept the responsibilities of citizenship, and to acquaint them with the rights and privileges, the duties and obligations of citizenship, and to further the observance of the anniversary of the completion of the Constitution and to encourage an adequate appreciation of its importance.

Each year during the week of Sept. 17, the observance of National Constitution Week plays an important part in the education phase of the National Americanism program of the American Legion. The fundamental precepts on which The American Legion was founded include an individual obligation to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

The Constitution is a living document, a basic charter protecting every American which has, since its adoption more than 160 years ago, served as the beacon light of free men. The American citizen should always be constantly on the alert. Foes of our form of government, foes of liberty within and without our country around the world, are continuously making insidious attacks on the fundamental principles embodied in the Constitution.

The American Citizen should hold the deepest respect for every fundamental principal expressed in the Constitution, and it is our responsibility to instill these basic American concepts in the minds and hearts of the youth of the nation, and to join in building better citizenship through an increased interest in the Constitution of the United States.

## MISSIONARY SERVICES

Sept. 14-18 will mark special Missionary Services at the College Park Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. William J. Pease, returned Nazarene missionary to India, speaking each evening at 7:45 and at 11 a.m. on Sept. 18. The Rev. and Mrs. Pease and their two sons are on their first furlough at home, doing deputation work among churches of the denomination.

## Announces Engagement

Mrs. Harold L. Yontz of 3 Woodland Way announces the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Miss Carol Ann Orleans to Mr. John (Buzzie) Sauls, son of Mrs. Rolfe Sauls and the late Rolfe Sauls of 59-D Ridge rd. The wedding will take place in January at the Greenbelt Community Church.

## State Police Recruits

Applications for appointment as Trooper in the Maryland State Police are now being accepted. Colonel Carey Jarman, Superintendent, in making this announcement today, pointed out that the next recruit class will get underway at the Police Academy in Pikesville on Jan. 2, 1961. Accepted candidates will undergo six months of intensive basic training in all phases of police work before they are assigned to field duty.

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Closing date for applications is Sept. 17. Applications are available at the Office of the Commissioner of Personnel in Baltimore or any State Police Barrack or Post.

## Homemaker Club Formed

Greenbelt women are invited to join the North End Homemakers Club, which is sponsored by the Prince Georges County Home Extension Course, and is open to women of all ages. Millinery, sewing, ceramics, budgeting, and the planning of nutritious meals are some of the subjects to be discussed. Membership is limited.

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In the United States, 39 states, including Maryland, have laws which can put a patient with infectious TB into a hospital for treatment, if he refuses to go voluntarily after all possible persuasion has been used. If he goes AWOL before the doctors are ready to discharge him, he can be brought back.

For two countries which put personal liberty on a pedestal, such action seems outrageous. How come no protest marches, no picket lines, no angry letters to the editor?

Well, the laws are aimed at the disease, not the patient. And the laws are clearly as necessary to the health of a community as those which require landlords to keep their buildings safe and sanitary. TB is a highly infectious disease, more so than leprosy, for example. On the other hand, a patient who has received prompt and adequate treatment is not infectious at all.

There's no getting away from it. Someone with infectious TB is a danger to those around him, as well as to himself. That's why it's smart to get a TB check-up regularly. This column is sponsored in the interest of better health by: Your Tuberculosis Association.

## SWANSON TO PREACH

Chaplain George C. Swanson of the U.S. Naval Radio Station, Cheltenham, Md., will preach during the 7 p.m. evening worship service at the Greenbelt Baptist Church. Chaplain Swanson preached two weeks of special services at the church in the Spring. He will be leaving shortly to serve in Okinawa.

Dr. Glenn W. Samuelson, Pastor, will preach on the subject, "Counting the Cost" at the 11 a.m. morning worship service. Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:45 a.m.

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## EDUCATORS HEAR PANEL

Miss Hannah Long, Principal of the Center School; Susan Jackson, a sixth grade student at the school; and Mrs. Delia Sinkov, representing the PTA, participated in a panel this morning at the U.S. Office of Education. They appeared as members of a group of Americans directly concerned with our public school system, who discussed the topic "What Makes a Good School" before some 500 foreign educators, 22 of whom observed classes at Center School last week.

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### ANDRUSIC ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Andrusic, College Park, formerly of Greenbelt, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jana Lee to Robert C. Lewis, son of Mrs. Merle Beall also of College Park. Miss Andrusic is a member of the faculty of the Burtonsville Elementary School. An October 1 wedding is planned.

### WEDDING

Miss Betty Siegel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Siegel of 104 Northway, was married on Saturday, Sept. 10 to Nelson F. Rodgers, son of Mrs. Catherine Rodgers of Lanham, Md. The marriage was performed by Dr. Glenn W. Samuelson at the Greenbelt Baptist Church.

### CONFERENCE ON AGING

Several Greenbelters participated in the Governor's Conference on Aging, held at the University of Maryland campus on Wednesday and Thursday last week. City Manager Charles McDonald served as recorder for a panel group studying the feasibility of reducing or omitting tax assessments on real property for those owners who are 65 or older.

Other Greenbelters seen at the conference were city recreation director Warren Leddick, Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer of GHI, the Rev. Glenn Samuelson of the Baptist Church, and Mrs. Philip Wisman of the Greenbelt Woman's Club.



By Elaine Skolnik, GR. 4-6060

Congratulations to George Cantwell upon receiving his Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Maryland. Dr. Cantwell, his wife, Patricia, and their four youngsters, John Michael, James, and Mark live at 1 Greentree. Cantwell works for the Department of Entomology in Beltsville.

Owen and Dorothy Crowder and their children, Frances and Mark, 41-A Ridge, spent two weeks visiting friends and relatives in Benton Harbor, Mich., and Rosedale and Clinton, Ind. Highlighting their stay was a Bean Dinner, an annual event in Rosedale that dates back to the post-civil war days. One ton of beans and 350 pounds of bacon were cooked on an open fire.

Bobby and A. J. Nuzzo, 12-A Ridge, counted 33 bears while traveling with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nuzzo, to Yellowstone Park. The Nuzzos also spent ten wonderful days at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas.

A speedy recovery to Henry Haslinger, 11-N Ridge, who has been hospitalized.

A very happy birthday to Yolande Robinson, who is 9 years old today.

Kitten, kitten, who wants a kitten? Mary Jo Seecrest, 2-Plateau, reports that on that very stormy evening of Sept. 1, funny cries were heard under the porch of Kathy Roland's home, 2-B Plateau. Kathy was especially curious, since just the day before a yellow cat slipped into the space. An investigation revealed three baby kittens untended by their mama.

"We tried very hard to lift the porch," said Mary Jo, "but it just wouldn't lift. So I got down on one side while Kathy got down on the other and pushed one kitten toward me. The other two were too far back for us to reach, so I crawled under the porch to get them."

Mrs. Maxwell, 2-J Plateau, agreed to house the three kittens — whoops, I mean four (Mike Reese retrieved another). Excuse me, if you're keeping score, add another one, for when the errant mama returned and led her brood to their home in a trash closet, a fifth kitten meowed greetings to her brothers and sisters. (If anyone wants a kitten, please come over to 1-C Plateau between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.)

After three months in Mexico City as an Exchange Student, Flora Alexander, 6 Lakeview, returned home bringing with her Mercedes Mendez, who will attend Regina High until December. Flora was a guest in the Mendez home during her stay in Mexico, and in addition to her studies, she saw a bull fight and traveled to Acapulca. The Alexanders took their guest to Ocean City for several days, and returned just a few hours before Donna blew in.

Elaine Weisel, 21-D Ridge, daughter of Belva and Laurence Weisel, entered nurses' training at Sibley Hospital in Washington, D. C. on Wednesday, Sept. 14. She is enrolled for a three-year course. In Elaine's honor a dinner was held at the Weisel home on Thursday, Sept. 8. Her cousin, Marty Hoffman and Mary Anne Sandilands and Rena Voight were guests.

Best wishes to Jeannette Zubkoff, 17-H Ridge, who is recovering from an emergency appendectomy.

### Twin Pines Hears News Review Policies

The Greenbelt News Review was the subject of lively discussion last Friday evening at an open meeting sponsored by the Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association. A group of approximately fifteen heard former editor Harry Zubkoff talk on the news, editorial, and advertising policies of the paper, and then participated in the discussion afterwards. Among the participants were current editor Russ Greenbaum, Al Skolnik, president of the board which published the newspaper; and former editor and long-time staff member Isadore Parker.

The spirited exchange of views prompted by questions from the audience brought forth a number of suggestions which Zubkoff promised to take up with the newspaper staff. For example, Bill Helm, a member of the auditing committee of GHI, suggested the possibility of an inquiring reporter column which would interview the "man on the street" to obtain public reaction to such issues as GHI's recent increase in the transfer fees. It was pointed out that it would be necessary, of course, to have such issues fully explained in the newspaper before hand, bringing out all the pros and cons, in order that such interviews would produce pertinent and informed opinions.

Other suggestions coming out of the discussion included a recommendation that the News Review carry more news of cooperative activities on the national scene, although it was understood that the paper devotes most of its efforts and space to stories of local significance. There was some feeling expressed that more coverage of Greenbelt Consumer Services, the local co-op, would be of interest in view of the fact that so many Greenbelters are members of, and own stock in, the company. However, Zubkoff indicated that limitations of personnel and the difficulty involved in attending GCS board meetings which are held in the many different areas where the co-op does business make it impractical for the paper to cover this newsbeat more completely. Zubkoff also stressed the fact that because the number of reporters on the staff is limited, the newspaper depends upon local organizations to send in whatever news of their activities they want publicized.

Matt Amberg, one-time staff member of the News Review and active participant in many civic activities, stressed the vital necessity of the newspaper's reporters checking their stories for factual accuracy. He urged that news stories be checked with all parties involved, to insure that all pertinent views are considered. Fair reporting such as this, he asserted, will build a reputation for fair-mindedness.

### DEFENDERS DAY

Most city offices were closed on Monday, Sept. 12 for Defenders Day, an official holiday in the state of Maryland. Defenders Day honors the successful defense of Fort McHenry in 1812, which is commemorated in "The Star Spangled Banner." School children, however, do not receive a holiday on that day. By law, all schools must hold a patriotic celebration.

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## GHI Studying Retirement Housing Possibilities; Surveying Planned

by Al Skolnik

Housing for elderly persons occupied the attention of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors at its regular meeting on Thursday, September 8. The proposed site for the project is the wooded area behind 30-34 Ridge rd and 4-5 Gardenway. The firm of Greenhorne and O'Mara is preparing a survey of the plot to be used as a basis for initial drawings for securing financing.

The board authorized management to speed negotiations with architect Victor Smolen regarding the preparation of sketches and work plans. Preliminary discussions with Smolen were in terms of single-story, 4-unit buildings, with a total of 56 units or 14 buildings. The units would be of the 1-bedroom or efficiency type apartments. Low-cost structural material such as slag or slag blocks is being considered so as to keep costs down to \$10 a square foot.

Financing of the project is the big problem. It is expected that an application will be made for a Federal Housing Administration-insured loan or for a direct Federal loan from the Housing and Home Finance Agency, which recently received an appropriation of \$20 million from Congress to launch a housing for elderly program as a supplement to the regular FHA-insured loan program. Under the HHFA program, 98 percent of the construction costs can be borrowed, leaving 2 percent to be raised by the sponsoring organization.

The board stated, however, that before any major financial commitment is made by GHI, the project will be submitted to the members for their approval at a special membership meeting.

### Sales Practices

Both GHI and Greenbelt Realty Co. sales practices came in for criticism at the meeting. The airing took place in connection with the case of a departing member whose sale to a fellow-member was disapproved because the latter's membership was in the process of being terminated as unacceptable.

As the broker bringing the customer and the seller together, Greenbelt Realty argued that the sale should be approved or that GHI should pick up the option. Recognizing that the selling member was caught in the middle, the board took the matter under advisement. GHI President Ed Burgoon and other board members declared that such situations and the delays that accompany their resolution could be avoided if members listed their homes with the GHI sales office rather than with a private realty firm.

At this point, criticism was heard from some board members and observers that one of the reasons that houses were not being listed with GHI is the negative attitude of the GHI sales force with respect to inquiries from prospective sellers. It was charged that telephone calls were handled abruptly, with little finesse or diplomacy, and that members were not given much encouragement as to sales prospects. Customers were left with the impression that GHI "couldn't care less" whether the house was listed with them or not.

GHI manager Paul Campbell stated in defense that his staff has instructions not to "big-pressure" prospective sellers as is often done by private realty companies. For example, he said his staff will not knock on doors and "guarantee" members that they can get a fixed sum for their houses. However, upon board insistence, Campbell agreed to reexamine the sales practices engaged in by his staff and to encourage a more positive approach, if needed.

The board approved the payment of \$200 in advance dues as a member of the newly-organized National Association of Housing Cooperatives. The organization was formed for the purpose of providing assistance and advice to groups wishing to sponsor or form housing cooperatives.

GHI president Ed Burgoon is an original member of the Association's board of directors and former GHI manager John Walker has been named vice president. The president is Dwight Townsend, present director of the Washington Office of the Cooperative League.

## When The SIREN BLOWS

By Rita Fisher

September 13

Sorry men, its going to be ladies first this week. We are very happy to announce that the president of our Ladies' Auxiliary, Cleo Dutton, has been elected as Color Bearer for the P. G. County Auxiliary. Cleo has also been appointed as chairman of the County Canteen. For the information of those uninformed, this canteen is a kitchen on wheels which is driven to the scene of any extensive fires at the request of the company on the scene. These two assignments for the year should keep Madam President quite busy, and all we can wish her is lots of luck and not too many headaches.

The ladies of the Auxiliary are also planning to have speakers available to those organizations desiring information about fire prevention in the home. Any group wishing a speaker can contact Mrs. Jane Hunt at GR. 4-9328, evenings after 6.

We also wish to remind the ladies in town about the Tupperware party being held next Tuesday evening, Sept. 20 at the Firehouse. From word that I have received, there aren't many of these parties available in town.

I also received word today from Captain Reed of the Hyattsville Fire Department about an interesting film which is being shown this Friday evening at the Prince Georges Chapter of the American Red Cross. The film is entitled, "Hemo — The Magnificent." The Chapter House is located at 4112 Hamilton st. in Hyattsville. The public is invited to view this film, which deals with the heart and the circulation of the blood in the body. First aiders, take note. Be there at 8 p.m.

There are still a few more openings in the Junior and Senior division of the Greenbelt majorettes. Plans are being made to have a paid instructor for the girls so that they can become even more proficient than they now are. Who knows, our Greenbelt girls may be National Champions next year.

And now, down to the original reason for this column. The triple siren was necessary only once last week, and the call came from outside Greenbelt. The men assisted on a fire call from a frame house opposite the Glendale firehouse. Cause of the fire was listed as a bird's nest in the attic. The men were out on this call Sunday evening.

Three times the siren blew for assistance to foot injuries. The first call came from the City office, where a boy had gone when he cut his foot. The boy, a resident of Southway, was taken to the doctor's office. This was on Sept. 8. About an hour earlier on that day, a little four year old boy on Greendale rd. injured his foot when he stepped on nails. He was carried to P.G. On the 10th, a 10 year old boy came to the firehouse asking for help. He had run a nail in the sole of his right foot. One of the men was here and he rendered first aid by washing the wound, applying an antiseptic and covering the area with a compress. He also told the boy to go home and let his parents know what had happened. He advised an anti-tetanus shot.

On the 11th, at 12:40 a.m., the siren blew and a crew carried a man from Hillside to P.G. The man was suffering from kidney stones and was ordered to the hospital by his doctor.

Incidentally, while our equipment

was in Hyattsville at the Prince Georges County FD & RS Convention, our first aid crew was able to render first aid to a fireman (not a Greenbelt man) who had received a cut over the forehead from a spotlight on a piece of equipment during the contests. No transportation was necessary.

Here's a little "rhyme to remember," brought to you by the National Board of Fire Underwriters: Children are angels; beyond any doubt—

How cozy to cuddle and pat 'em. But never, no never, leave matches about

Where the cherubs can ever get at 'em.

Teach them healthy respect for things that can burn

Or damage may come from their tricks.

A lesson in safety all parents should learn

Is that matches and children do not mix!

### GIRL SCOUTS MEETING

Girl Scout Troop 416 of Greenbelt will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at 2-H Gardenway. The troop leaders again this year will be Mrs. Rita Fisher and Mrs. Katherine Pearch. The time and place of the troop meetings have not yet been decided.

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